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Via email: gmfinfo@fcm.ca

Dear Outreach Team:

RE: DRY LAKE WETLAND RESTORATION, MAXWELL CREEK WATERSHED, SALT SPRING ISLAND

As the Capital Regional District (CRD) Electoral Area Director for Salt Spring Island, I am writing to urge your support for the Dry Lake Wetland Restoration project submitted by the Climate Adaptation Research Lab (CARL).

Dry Lake was once an important contributor to the Maxwell Lake water system. Drained over a century ago, the area no longer benefits from the significant water capture, infiltration, and retention needed to buffer and maintain the Maxwell Lake system.

Restoring this drained lake within the Maxwell system is a unique opportunity to secure future water supply and has further benefits to water quality (reducing runoff and sediment inputs to the lake and creek systems).

This funding call is opportune, as the CARL Society and North Salt Spring Waterworks are making a restoration plan aligned with the Municipal Rapid Adaptation Projects initiative.

The proposed project follows directly from the CRD's Salt Spring Island Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 climate risk assessment (2021). This was led by Dr. Ruth Waldick, who has since been working in partnership with North Salt Spring Waterworks to further the CAP recommendations. Nothing is more important to Salt Spring Island than protecting the supply and quality of the drinking water on which our community depends.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Gary Holman
Director, Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

cc: Dr. Ruth Waldick, Climate Adaptation Research Lab Society
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Stephen Henderson, General Manager, Electoral Area Services, CRD